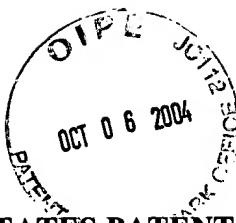


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NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 7, 2004 and further to the Advisory Action mailed August 25, 2004, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's Final Office Action and Advisory Action finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 14, 19, 20, 28 and 29 in the above-identified application.

Check No. 19440 in the amount of \$170.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b)(1). A petition and fee for a three-month extension is filed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-557 (Cura 57). A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

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